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SUBJ: ROMANIAN REACTION TO MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES IS CAUTIOUS
AND BALANCED

1. FIRST OFFICIAL ROMANIAN REACTION TO MIDDLE EAST
HOSTILITIES, IN FORM OF AGERPRES DECLARATION OF OCTOBER 9,
CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE HALT TO FIGHTING AND POLITICAL SOLUTION
OF PROBLEM BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF
NOVEMBER 1967. DECLARATION DOES NOT BLAME EITHER SIDE FOR
CURRENT FIGHTING.

2. ROMANIAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF HOSTILITIES SO FAR HAS BEEN
LIMITED BUT BALANCED, CONSISTING OF STATEMENTS BY EGYPTIAN,
ISRAELI AND SYRIAN OFFICIAL SPOKESMEN RE MILITARY SITUATION
AND UN DEVELOPMENTS. NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO RECONCILE
CONFLICTING CLAIMS.

3. WITHOUT ANY INITIATIVE ON OUR PART ROMANIANS HAVE
DOUBLED NUMBER OF SECURITY TROOPS GUARDING EMBASSY,
PRESUMABLY AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.

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4. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED AIRLINES AND MAJOR HOTELS TO

WARN US CITIZENS AGAINST TRAVEL TO MIDDLE EAST AND IS TAKING
OTHER APPROPRIATE STEPS ALONG THESE LINES (STATE 199657).

5. COMMENT: ROMANIAN REACTION TO DATE ON NEW ME HOSTILITIES
IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH WELL-KNOWN GOR POSITION ON ARAB-
ISRAELI PROBLEM.
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